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| UNITED STAT                                |  |  | X  |  |
|  |  | -V-  | WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AT CRIMINAL PROCEEDING   |  |
| Georgia Ward                               |  |  | 20 <sub>-cr-</sub> 633 ( )( )  |  |
|  |  | Defendant.   | CR() ()  |  |
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|  | 1)   | I have received and rev  | ewed a copy of the indictment.   |  |
| ,  |  |  | to read the indictment aloud to me.  |  |
|  | 3)   | I plead not guilty to the  | charges against me in the indictment.  |  |
| Date:                                      |  |  | _  |  |
|  | Signa  | ture of Defendant  |  |  |
|  | Print  | Name   |  |  |

Conference

I have been charged in an indictment with violations of federal law. I understand that I have a right to be present at all conferences concerning this indictment that are held by a judge in the Southern District of New York, unless the conference involves only a question of law. I understand that at these conferences the judge may, among other things, 1) set a schedule for the case including the date at which the trial will be held, and 2) determine whether, under the Speedy Trial Act, certain periods of time should be properly excluded in setting the time by which the trial must occur. I have discussed these issues with my attorney and wish to give up my right to be present at the conferences. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to be present at the conferences in my case for the period of time in which access to the courthouse has been restricted on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. I request that my

attorney be permitted to represent my interests at the proceedings even though I will not be present.

Date: Georgia Ward by Florian Miedel

Signature of Defendant

**GEORGIA WARD** 

**Print Name** 

I hereby affirm that I am aware of my obligation to discuss with my client the charges contained in the indictment, my client's rights to attend and participate in the criminal proceedings encompassed by this waiver, and this waiver form. I affirm that my client knowingly and voluntarily consents to the proceedings being held in my client's absence. I will inform my client of what transpires at the proceedings and provide my client with a copy of the transcript of the proceedings, if requested.

Date: Florian Miedel

Signature of Defense Counsel

FLORIAN MIEDEL

Print Name

Addendum for a defendant who requires services of an interpreter:

I used the services of an interpreter to discuss these issues with the defendant. The interpreter also translated this document, in its entirety, to the defendant before the defendant signed it. The interpreter's name is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Date:

Signature of Defense Counsel

Accepted:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Signature of Judge

Date: March 9, 2022

New York, New York